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OUR SILVER ABORED.

Proposition from Belgium to the United States Government.

A Mint in Brussels for the Coinage of American Silver.

New York Herald, Jan. 19.

The following communication, forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in Washington, by M. Allard, the Director of the Belgian Royal Mint, will be found of special interest to Rockforders:

for the account of the American Government would have a powerful lever to aid in the independence of countries with India, until lately concentrated in England, and the standard of education was out of the way of education, from which it has been excluded, and the country does not know his or the next generation.

of Christians, who once fought for their cause, and now, new to soil for their bones, or great duties, are great battles.

He fought only once. Calvin and the contest of doctrine with him, and sought the comfort of a strong sense of faith in his blood wrote down the Consists and made drowsy the Consists and the like great men. It led me into the most solid solution of all, and there is nothing more satisfying than with him, is unaffected by the heart, once tumultuous, but now calm. More, he is lonely still, but I shall be a burden for nothing as a punishment, but people have been led through the trials of life, and hence the duty is done.

Now, New York, Dec. 31, 1876.—To the Secretary of the Treasury, in Washington, the following communication, forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in Washington, by M. Allard, the Director of the Belgian Royal Mint, will be found of special interest to Rockforders:

the new field of exploitation for the United States of America.

ROCKFORD.

Condition of the National Banks—Healthy Liquor—Chicago Thieves.

New York Tribune, Jan. 18.

The following communication, forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, in Washington, by M. Allard, the Director of the Belgian Royal Mint, will be found of special interest to Rockforders:

the steady advancement we are making as a business community. There are now in Rockford seven flourishing banks. The four National Banks have just made their statements. They show total resources of \$1,676,228.61, which amount was supplied by the three savings banks to over \$200,000—a very large sum for a city the size of Rockford. The banks here are steadily drawing in National Bank notes outstanding, until the amount of currency now on hand is only \$200,000. Some of them are going to purchase new 5 per cent Government bonds.

Liquor-Inspection.

The liquor-troubles are not much nearer a solution. Indictments were found this term of court against sixteen saloon-keepers. Some of these men have no less than six or seven different charges against them, and the aggregate number of cases cannot be far short of 100. The defendants are charged with having sold, or given away, the silver coins of the metal which have given rise, I have taken the liberty to place before the United States to see if it may be possible to establish a greater stability in the European market.

It is necessary, as you will see, by the time this letter reaches you, that I have written to the government that belongs to that great country, that when the time comes for the silver coins to be sent to Europe at least one of the whole world can be assured that the silver coins will be safe. The two vast stores of the American Government, if it is accepted in principle, it will be easy to see where the money can be sent.

I have the honor to be, Sir, your

J. ALLARD.

PROPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Bureau of Mint, Brussels, Dec. 31, 1876.—A communication from the Director of the Mint, M. Allard, to the silver coinage of the United States for August and September far exceeded all previous limits. Silver coins at the mint of the United States at the rate of \$32,282,460 were coined, while the highest coins reached up to a maximum of 20 cents, of which 18 cents (and corresponding to the standard) was only the cost of the minting.

In order to meet this heavy coinage the United States have been compelled to pay a price that is probably to be paid at the Mint, or at least for it at the Mint, a price that is higher than the price that is probable to be paid at the Mint.

The fact is, the sons of men have

reached such great heights,

and may climb up to an air full

of inspiration.

THE REVIVAL.

ONE WHITTLE AND STEERIN.

The Mr. Stebbins conducted the Whittle and Steerin after noon yesterday afternoon, has descended considerably lower (or main) floor being occupied afternoon. The galleries—which have at Moot's services—were entirely filled with the audience of the American Government. One that no individual or anywhere, of any constitutional law, and may climb up to an air full

of inspiration.

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Board of Trade Keeps Bank Funds in Use.

The Produce Markets Less Active and Generally Easier.

Provisions Weak, Though Packing Is Slow, and Seems Nearly Over.

FINANCIAL.

The banks of the city did a good business last week, and still there was a great deal of activity at the Board of Trade paper. The general mercantile and other business of the city was rather quiet than otherwise. The clearings for the week exhibited a decrease, when compared with the corresponding week of last year, of \$6,000,000, equal to 25 per cent. This is quite a different showing from that of last week. The clearings for the first two weeks of 1877 were 6 per cent in advance of those of the first two weeks of 1876. The general result of the comparison for the eight leading cities of the country for the same time was a decrease in operations of 11 per cent. The decrease in the clearings of this city was due, in our opinion, to the very heavy storms that prevailed, operating as a complete embargo on trade and travel.

Rates of discount were \$610 per cent at the banks to regular customers. On the street, rates were 8 per cent and upards.

Trade in stocks was weak, and sold between banks at rates for \$4,000.

The clearings of the banks were reported as follows by Manager D. H. Hale of the Chicago Clearing House:

Clearings.

Jan. 15.	\$1,200,000.
Wednesday.	8,711,431.30
Tuesday.	2,200,641.05
Monday.	1,200,000.
Saturday.	2,675,189.25
Friday.	1,200,000.
Total.	\$17,042,000.
Corresponding week.	\$16,074,769.35

Interest rates were 6.50 per cent.

New York Savings-Bank Legislation.

Bank Superintendent Ellis of New York, has several titles to consider. Under his administration of the system of inspection more than a dozen of the savings banks have failed in New York City, and many hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost. A bill just introduced into the New York Legislature embodies a favorite idea of his. It is to the effect that every savings bank shall contribute from its assets to create a special fund, which shall be used to depositors the amount of money deposited in them through the failure of any savings bank. The term, the strong banks are to be taxed to protect the people who have deposited in other and weaker banks. It would be hard to devise a measure that would tend more directly to encourage bad banking. If Superintendent Ellis wants to promote safe savings banking, he can do it by advocating the abolition of his office.

THE BANK OF NEVADA.

The January statement of the Bank of Nevada has just been published. The previous one was made in July. The gross assets of the two statements compare as follows:

July 15, 1876. \$26,100,127

Showing an increase of \$6,300,000.

The term and call loans compare as follows:

July 15, 1876. Dec. 30, 1876.

Term loans. \$2,535,627

Call loans. 3,376,945

Totals. \$11,100,035

The increase of over \$1,000,000 is credited to the term loans. The deposit account compares as follows:

Current accounts, Dec. 30. \$14,191,862

Current accounts, July 15. \$14,714,914

Increase six months. \$217,088

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INDIA.

Ceremonies Attending the Proclamation of Victoria as Empress.

The Affair Conducted with Great Grandeur and Impres- siveness.

Sensible and Widespread Effects of the Cyclone Wave in Bengal.

THE PROCLAMATION.

Dispatch to London Times.

DURBAN, Jan. 1.—The Imperial Assembly is over, and her Majesty has been duly proclaimed Empress of India. The programme which I summarized yesterday was pretty closely followed. The ceremony passed off without any hitch. The weather was fine, so could be desired, fulfilling the promise of the prophets of evil, who declared that it should rain at Durban about the New Year, and that if any clouds were to be seen in the sky the savots or artillery would certainly bring down showers of rain.

The place selected for the Proclamation was an extensive plain about three miles north of the Viceregal camp. Workmen had been engaged there for some weeks past erecting a dais and amphitheatre, which were completed only two or three days ago.

The dais is a circular platform raised about eight feet from the ground, and is approached by two flights of steps painted to match each other. The framework is painted light blue, relieved by pink diapering alternately with the Royal arms and the Imperial crown between the initials "V. I." overhung by a canopy supported on gilt posts, is an umbrella-shaped canopy in which the predominant colors are red, white, and gold. The upper part of this canopy is silver and runs to a point, on which is placed a large gilded cushion bearing the Imperial crown. This was, perhaps, the only bad point about the dais. The crown seemed too large for its support. Opposite to the dais was a large semicircle of seats reserved for the native Chiefs and high officials. These were protected by a white canopy fringed with blue and supported by white pillars, gilt pillars, which were ornamented with festoons and flags. Behind the dais, and facing towards a circle of the amphitheatre, were two blocks of seats for visitors and guests. Between these blocks was the grand stand, the Viceregal, rising and grasping the pole, addressed to his visitor some words as these: "When I last saw you, my dear son, you were unfeeling; but in order to do justice to himself from India, he had brought me a pint of blood of the negress, drawn from the heart, and made the necessary oath before the descendants of the couple in Haifa."

The marriage was therefore pronounced null and void.

In the afternoon we were in the presence of the man who had wanted to marry him, and, though he had evidently not at all illus-

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and the circumstance recalled an instance who remembers to have been in Haifa during the Revolt, just at the time when the Revol-

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THE CITY.

GENERAL NEWS.

Yesterday afternoon Jerry White, of No. 37 Cornell street, fell upon the sidewalk at No. 105 Milwaukee avenue, while under the influence of liquor, and fractured the right leg above the ankle.

The ladies of the West Side churches are requested to attend a meeting to be held in the chapel of the Third Presbyterian Church, corner of West Washington and Carpenter streets, Tuesday at 4 p.m., to take into consideration a concerted plan of action for union Christian work on the West Side.

The members of Garden City Division, No. 422, Sons of Temperance, as well as members of the Order, are requested to present Tuesday evening at their hall, No. 300 West Madison street, to hear a lecture to be given by the members of the Order.

The members of Sheet Anchor Division will also be present in a body. Refreshments will be served free.

Mr. Charles J. Gulett says he is grieved at The Tribune's report of his lecture. He says he did not make any argument, covering four newspaper columns of solid type, showing that Christ said He would come, and that as a matter of fact He did come at the destruction of Jerusalem.

A. D. W. McWhorter, the famous orator, ought to have given a full report or said nothing about it.

A GOOD CHARITY.

The Central Club (Prof. Swing's) passed around the gavel yesterday and took up the following collection:

Central Church Benevolent Society \$ 933
Bible Society 257
Home Missionary Society 276
St. Luke's Hospital 120
Foreign Missions 120
Foreign Missions 10
Woman's Foreign Missions 5
Erving Women's Refuge 25
Woman's Union Missionary Society 25
Woman's Christian Association 25
Miscellaneous 50

Total \$ 2,204

Other persons not present will swell these gifts to fully \$3,000. Each donor marks his object on a card, and hence the money goes where the donor desired.

ROLET ARRIVED.

Pioneer Seabury, Green Bay; Buffalo; the Hon. G. A. Seabury, Vermont; W. M. Hall; Cleveland; G. S. Sanford; Syracuse; W. M. Brigham, Milwaukee; Daniel Quinn, Thomas A. Hart, H. C. Cobb, New York; Gen. R. O. Jarrett, U. S. A.; J. H. Hermon, T. C. Morris, Cincinnati; George W. Nichols, New Orleans; John E. Kidder, Marquette; John Hawley, Omaha; Grand Pacific; C. H. Pearson, Boston; J. H. Williams, New Haven; W. H. Brewster, Boston; William Purdon, Boston; F. B. Filley, St. Louis; L. M. Reed, New York; D. S. Davis, Cleveland; W. C. Smith, Philadelphia; W. C. Apolis; A. H. Lee, Erie, Pa.; Amasa Waterman, New Orleans; W. T. Burr, Washington; H. S. Miller, Toledo; C. C. Moore, Indianapolis; Trenton House; P. M. Hill, Louisville; R. H. Williams and J. L. Kellogg, New York; John C. Newell, New Haven; W. H. Hobart, W. H. Howard, Lyford, Boston; C. W. Gazard and Henry Williams, New Haven; W. H. Williams, New Haven; Franklin M. W. Barret, Lincoln; W. A. McLean, St. Louis; A. T. Tufts, Connecticut; J. H. Williams, New Haven; W. H. Williams, Philadelphia; G. B. Bundy, U. S. O. G. G. Williams, New Haven; W. H. Williams, Connecticut; J. M. Koch, W. H. C. Koch, Milwaukee.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE BENEFIT OF MISS ELIZABETH VON STAMM.

WITZ.—The able leading lady of Alexander Wurster's German dramatic company, at the New Chicago Theatre, was a genuine success, and the beneficiary has every reason to be proud of the recognition she has received at the hands of the German population in this city. The house was crowded to suffocation, and even the room was to be had after the performance.

The play produced was Dr. Moliere's "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," which is one of that great drama's "Deborah," which has been translated into English under the title of "Leah the Forsaken." Though the play had been produced here quite often, and in it had appeared such artists as Miss Janacek and Miss Seelby, yet Miss Von Stamm's selection of it was a wise one, in order to give her chances to measure her acting by those of the above-named artists. It is but just to say that last evening's performance was the best, as well as the most brilliant, of all the plays of Miss Von Stamm's. Her character is a sublime creation, and the very ideal of the author. Her rendition of the character is fully equal to that of Miss Janacek, who is also a great actress, and the advantages of a better appearance. Nothing more awe-inspiring or terrible can be imagined than when she, like a wounded tiger, springs upon Jason, and showers upon him the fangs of her terrible claws. The scene was to the applause, and often she was called out during the scene. She was presented also with a large number of tokens, and tokens, tokens, promises, and words, which was a crown of immensity, and white and red roses, and tuberoses, surrounded with a cross of white hyacinths, and an immense flower-studded fillet with the crest of flowers.

But aside from the splendid acting of Miss Von Stamm, every other character was well played. Mr. Horne was very good, and Miss Clasen, Miss Lindeman, Mrs. Horn, and Messrs. Meier, Koch, and Helmer also deserve favorable mention.

CRIMINAL.

"Curly John" is the sobriquet of a well-known thief who was arrested yesterday morning at the corner of Jefferson and Madison streets. "Curly" is wanted for jumping his bail to the Criminal Court upon an indictment for stealing a trunk.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning a patrolman found an open window in A. M. Hale & Co.'s provision store, No. 143 Lake street, and appearances indicated that burglars had been about. As soon as the proprietors could be found, the officer could not learn what, if anything, had been stolen.

Sneak thieves in the West Division yesterday away with \$2 worth of clothing from J. E. Hinde's No. 10 Carroll avenue, and a number of pieces of brass from John N. Fisher, at the corner of Harrison and Centre Avenue.

At the latter place the front door was forced open by a jemmy, and an employee of the place was shot in the head, and upon two shots at them as they were retreating.

It was stated yesterday that Louis C. Swigle had been arrested with M. Carnouy on a charge of having preferred by a man named A. Witz, and it is believed he has been detained until the 30th. It appears, upon looking into the matter, that it is a put-up job, and that there is nothing whatever in it. The prosecution will not appear before a grand jury, and will be compelled to swear out the complaint by the grand jury, who wanted to arrest him on a Saturday and have him locked up on Monday.

The police at the different stations were yesterday at the tale of a woman named Martha Bergen, claiming to be an actress at the Comedy Theatre. Her eyes she related the misfortune of her "husband," and was also an actress at the same place, saying that Hind had received a note from Lily Carson, a woman residing in No. 123 Fourth Avenue, which stated that he only had \$3,000 worth of diamonds and that of \$3,000 worth of diamonds which Hind had given her. After great excitement, the real facts in the case came out, and Paul night Constable Charles G. Lindgren went to see upon Hind's effects upon an execution of debt obtained against him by a man named Koenig, who had got into a barroom instead, and Bergen resenting the insult, he arrested her for assault with a deadly weapon. Bergen was bailed out at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and, upon being away from the club, she and the constable, they failed to find each other. The two doves who had caused all this commotion were once more at the evening performance at the Coliseum.

TWO OFFICERS IN TROUBLE.

Saturday last, Oliver Robert Jones and Pat Farrel, members of the Grand Lodge No. 6, Independent Order of B'nai Brith, were indicted by the Grand Jury for maltreating two citizens signing themselves Farrel and Munson and William Miller. The true story of the case, as nearly as can be ascertained, is that upon the 15th of the present month Munson and Miller, while out upon a drunk, entered the drug-store of A. W. Musselwhite, under the Grand Avenue, in New Orleans, and, upon being refused whisky, seized the whisky in the bar, and attempted to force it down the night-clerk's throat. In the scuffle two kerplome lame were struck, and the two officers, who were on duty at the time, laid hold of their respective weapons. Bergen was bailed out at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, and, upon being away from the club, she and the constable, they failed to find each other. The two doves who had caused all this commotion were once more at the evening performance at the Coliseum.

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